Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently amended) A method for playing content having <u>a story line including</u> a plurality of distinct branches on a playback device, ~~each one of~~ the plurality of distinct branches leading to a <u>respective plurality of</u> diverged ~~end~~ <u>endings</u> of the content ~~from other ones of the plurality of distinct branches~~ <u>story line</u>, the method comprising acts of:

> <u>on the playback device:</u>

> > detecting a branch indication while playing the content, the branch indication identifying a branch of the plurality of distinct branches of the content selected for playback; and

> > creating a bookmark corresponding to the detected branch indication to record relevant information of said branch indication including which one of the plurality of distinct branches to continue for playing the content, wherein each branch indication of the played content has a corresponding created bookmark,

> wherein subsequent playing of the content is guided by the created bookmarks.

2. (Previously presented) The method according to claim 1, further comprising acts of:

> identifying a bookmark corresponding to the branch indication passed during a forward/rewind operation of the playback device; and

selecting a specific branch of the content to forward/rewind the content according to the information recorded in the identified bookmark for the navigation of the content.

3. (Previously presented) The method according to claim 1, further comprising an act of displaying the bookmark corresponding to the branch indication to the user when the branch indication is encountered during the playback of the content so as to provide the user with a choice for selecting at least one of the plurality of content branches for viewing.

4. (Currently amended) A method for playing content having a story line including a plurality of distinct branches associated with an optical disc on a playback device, ~~each one of~~ the plurality of distinct branches leading to a respective plurality of diverged ~~end~~ endings of the content ~~from other ones of the plurality of distinct branches~~ story line, the method comprising acts of:

on the playback device:

detecting an interruption or pause during navigation of the distinct branches of the content selected for playback; and

creating a bookmark corresponding to an interruption or pause of the playing to record relevant information of the interruption point or pause point including neighboring fore-and-aft position parameters,

wherein the bookmark identifies a branch of the plurality of distinct branches of the content selected for playback and subsequent playing of the content.

5. (Previously presented) The method according to claim 1, wherein the information stored in the bookmark includes at least one of neighboring fore-and-aft position parameters.

6. (Previously presented) The method according to claim 4, further comprising acts of:

   resuming the playing from the interruption or pause point, and

   displaying the information stored in the bookmark including at least one of a name or ID of the optical disc which includes the content requiring the resumption of the playing.

7. (Previously presented) The method according to claim 6, further comprising acts of:

   determining the information of the bookmark if the information stored in the bookmark includes the name or ID of the optical disc which is played; and

   selecting a specific branch to forward/rewind using the information stored in the determined bookmark for navigation of the content.

8. (Currently amended) An optical disc player for playing content having a story line including a plurality of distinct branches associated with an optical disc, ~~each one of~~ the plurality of distinct branches leading to a diverged ~~end~~ endings of the content ~~from other ones of the plurality of distinct branches~~ story line, the optical disk player comprising:

   a detecting module for detecting a branch indication while playing the content, the branch indication identifying a branch of the plurality of distinct branches of the content selected for playback; and

a creating module to create at least one bookmark corresponding to the detected branch indication to record relevant information of the branch indication including which one of the plurality of distinct branches to continue for playing the content, wherein each branch indication of the played content has a corresponding created bookmark,

wherein subsequent playing of the content is guided by the created bookmarks.

9. (Previously presented) The optical disc player according to claim 8, further comprising:

a navigating module to browse the content stored in the at least one bookmark and use the content for the navigation of the content.

10. (Previously presented) The optical disc player according to claim 8, wherein the bookmark comprises information relevant to the branch indication including neighboring fore-and-aft position parameters.

11. (Previously presented) The optical disc player according to claim 8, further comprising a bookmark storage for storing the bookmarks and corresponding information.

12. (Previously presented) The optical disc player according to claim 8, wherein each bookmark of each branch comprises a back link pointing to a previous bookmark and a forward link pointing to the next bookmark.

13. (Currently amended) An optical disc player for playing content having <u>a story line</u> <u>including </u>a plurality of distinct branches associated with an optical disc, ~~each one of ~~the plurality of distinct branches leading to a <u>respective plurality of </u>diverged ~~end ~~<u>endings </u>of the content~~ from other ones of the plurality of distinct branches~~ <u>story line</u>, the optical disc player comprising:

a detecting module for detecting an interruption or pause during navigation of the distinct branches of the content selected for playback; and

a creating module for creating a bookmark for resumption of the play and to record relevant information of an interruption point or pause point including neighboring fore-and-aft position parameters when the interruption or pause point occurs,

wherein the bookmark identifies a branch of the plurality of distinct branches of the content selected for playback and subsequent playing of the content.

14. (Previously presented) The optical disc player according to claim 13, further comprising a navigating module for browsing the bookmark and selecting a specific branch using the information of the bookmark for navigation.

15. (Previously presented) The optical disc player according to claim 13, wherein the bookmark comprises the relevant information of the interruption point or the pause point including linking information on preceding and subsequent bookmarks.

16. (Previously presented) The optical disc player according to claim 13, further comprising

a bookmark storage for storing the bookmarks.

17. (Previously presented) The according to claim 1, wherein the content includes at least one predefined branch point for indicating which branch of the content to playback and the branch indication is a branch point.

18. (Previously presented) The according to claim 1, wherein the branch indication is selected from at least one of interruption and pause of the content playback.

19. (Previously presented) The optical disc player according to claim 8, wherein the content includes at least one predefined branch point for indicating which branch of the content to playback and the branch indication is a branch point.

20. (Previously presented) The optical disc player according to claim 8, wherein the branch indication is selected from at least one of interruption and pause of the content playback.